OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

the City Of Augusto

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of "Recreation and Parks Month"

WHEREAS, the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department brings visibility to parks and recreation, and quality sports programs; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation activities, and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation create lifelines and continues life experiences for older members of our community; and

WHEREAS, generating opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community through fun recreational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation agencies provide outlets for physical activities, socializations, and stress reducing experiences; and

WHEREAS, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, nature trails, open spaces, community and cultural centers, and historic sites make a community attractive and desirable places to live, work, play, and visit to contribute to our ongoing economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, parks, greenways, and open space provide a welcome respite from our fast paced, high tech lifestyles while protecting and preserving our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation agencies touch the lives of individuals, families, groups, and the entire community which positively impacts upon the social, economic, health and environmental quality of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the month July 2004 as "RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH" in Augusta, Georgia, and encourage all citizens to celebrate by participating in their choice of pleasurable activities to find refreshment from their leisure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 1st day of July 2004.